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NEW PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Christine Birnie has been appointed to the bench of the Provincial Court in Smithers.

The appointment is effective Sept. 24, 2007.

Birnie has been Crown counsel in Smithers for 10 years. She has extensive experience as environmental Crown in northwestern British Columbia, while also prosecuting adult and youth criminal cases. Before joining the Province as Crown counsel in 1997, she worked in private practice, in both criminal and family law areas.

The process to appoint judges involves several steps. Interested lawyers apply and the B.C. Judicial Council, a committee made up of the chief judge, other judges, lawyers and lay people, then reviews the candidates.

The council recommends potential judges to the Attorney General, with the final appointment made through a cabinet order-in-council. More information about the appointment process can be found at: www.provincialcourt.bc.ca.

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